(c) It has been estimated that in order to meet the housing requirement during 8th Five Year Plan an investment of Rs. 77,496 crores at 1990 prices would be required in the Public and Private Sector.

Increasing of urban population

1553. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that urban population of the country had increased from 109 million in 1971 to 217 millon in 1991 ;

(b) if so, whether any Action Plan has been or is being formulated to deal with the problem of growing urbanisation, if so, the details in this regard ; and

(c) whether the Action Plan is proposed to be launched as a part of the Eighth Five Year Plan, if so. by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Urban Development is primarily the responsibility of the State Government/Union Territory Administration. The Central Government plays only a catalytic/nodal role. The programmes undertaken so far keeping in view the- rapid urbanisation and its serious impact on economy, environment and society, include efforts on reduction of migration of population from rural areas *to* major urban areas through the scheme of Integrated Development.of Small and Medium-Towns, removal of poverty and creation of jobs for urban poor through the Nehru Rojgar Yojana. Provision of social Services through the scheme of Urban Basic Service for the poor, improvement in the living conditions in urban slums through the scheme, of environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS) by provision of basic physical amenities in Urban Slums etc. These Centrally sponsored schemes and State Sector Scheme of EIUS are likely to continue in the 8th Plan which is yet to be finalised. Housing., and Urban Development Corporwation (HUDCO) is also giving, loans for implementation of housing and urban infrastructure schemes. The operation of HUDCO would be further expanded and strengthened in the 8th Plan period.

Water supply in the Capital

1554. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAND RAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the capital was facing prospect of acute water' scarcity towards the end of March and beginning of April, 1992, in view of the likely'disruption of supply from Bhakra which required immediate repairs ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Bhakra Main line and Narwana Branch were closed for repairs from 3rd to 26th April, 1992. During the period of closure, the Government of Haryana and U.P. had agreed to supply 500 and 250 cusecs of water respectively. The Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has also reported that they had imposed a voluntary 20% cut in the supply of water by rationalising the supply system to maintain the reservoirs at the maximum level.

Installation of maters in residential colony of Provident Fund Employees

1555. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOP MENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4292 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th March, 1992 and state :

(a) whether the CPWD has been given instructions to install suitable meters PF Colony, which can sustain the load of Air conditioners;

(b) whether the CPWD has approached DESU or any other agency to improve the quality of internal wiring to sustain the load of Air-Conditioners ;

(c) whether the department propose to permit the residents to privately upgrade the extension wiring from distribution board so that it is not hazardous to use Air Conditioners ; and

(d) whether the residents are suffering due to lack of suitable actions taken by the CPWD authorities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) CPWD have not been given any instructions. In a particular type of accommodation wiring provided is as per norms which have been adopted uniformly for all the residents of that particular type. Within the norms to improve the quality of internal wiring is within the purview of the CPWD.

(c) It is not feasible to authorise individual residents to make additions and alterations in the existing wiring system. No specific demand has been received by the CPWD for installation of air-conditioners from the residents.

(d) Since the colony is being maintained by the CPWD as a deposit work, decision in the matter has to be taken by the Department, which is owning the colony. namely the Employees Provident Fund Organisation.

Fire in Jhuggi Clusters in Delhi

1556. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is alarming rise in the number of fires in jhuggi clusters in Delhi posing serious problems;

(b) if so, what was the number of jhuggi cluster fires in 1991 as compared to the fire incidents in 1990;

(c) what is the number of persons killed in jhuggi fires in 1991 as compared to the number of deaths caused due to fire in 1990;

(d) what is the estimated number of jhuggi cluster dwellers affected by the fires in 1991 as against the persons affected in 1990;

(e) what are the main causes identified for the frequent fires in jhuggi clusters in Delhi;

(f) what is the nature of the copensa-tion given by Government to the affected families; and

(g) what are the reasons identified for failure of the administration to prevent the growth of unauthorised jhuasi clusters in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

मंत्रियों के कोटे के अन्तर्गत सरकारी आवासों का आवंटन

1557. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मंत्रियों के कोटे के सरकारी आवास "पोस्ट एटेच्ड" आधार पर आवंटित किये जाते हैं या प्राथमिकता के आधार पर किए जाते हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार मंत्री के निजी स्टाफ से आवंटिती के स्थानान्तरित होकर सम्पदा निदेशालय के सामान्य पूल आवास के पात्र किसी अन्य कार्यालय में चले जाने पर मंत्रियों के कोटे से आवंटित आवास को खाली करा लेती है; और

(ग) उन मामलों में कौन से नियम लागू होते हैं जहां मंत्री कोटे से आवास का आवंटिति व्यक्ति किसी ऐसे कार्यालय में स्थानांतरित कर दिया जाता है जो सम्पदा निदेशालय के अन्तर्गत